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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 2nd November 1966.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half-past ten of the clock, Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon. Sri S. CHELLAPANDIAN) in the Chair.

I.—OBITUARY REFERENCES TO Sri A. RAMACHANDRA RAYAR AND Sri B. PARAMESWARAN, MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, AND Dr. C. P. RAMASWAMY AIYAR.

Mr. SPEAKER : It is my painful duty to inform the House of the demise of Sri A. Ramachandra Rayar, a sitting Member of this House from Bhuvanagiri Constituency, South Arcot District on the 18th August 1966. He was a keen co-operator and a person of genial and quiet disposition.

It is again my painful duty to inform the House of the sad and sudden demise on 15th September 1966 of another sitting Member of this House, Sri B. Parameswaran, elected from Madurantakam (SC) Constituency in Chingleput District. He was a Member of the Madras Legislative Assembly from 1946 to 1952 representing Chingleput General Rural (SC) Constituency and from 1952–57 representing Madurantakam Reserved Constituency. He was a Minister for Rural Development during 1949–52 and Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport during 1954–57. During 1953–54 he was Mayor of Madras. He was a Member of the Rajya Sabha during 1958-62. He had also served on various committees in different capacities.

It is my melancholy duty to report to the House the sad and sudden demise of Dr. C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar at London on 26th September 1966 where he had been on a lecture tour.

He was a Member of the Madras Legislative Council from 1919 to 1928 and Law Member of the Madras Government from 1923 to 1928. As a Member of the Governor's Executive Council, he implemented the execution of the Mettur Project, Pykara Scheme and the development of Vizag and Tuticorin Port.

As Dewan of Travancore, he was mainly responsible for the Temple-Entry Proclamation issued by His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore in 1936 and thus earned the esteem of the depressed classes.

Dr. C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar was a doyen of the legal profession, an eminent educationist, an able administrator, a statesman and a versatile genius.

On behalf of the House, I will convey the condolence to the members of the bereaved families.

As a mark of respect to the departed souls, I request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute.

The Members stood in silence for a minute.

MR. SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the departed souls, I now adjourn the House till 11 a.m., today.

The House then adjourned, and re-assembled at 11-00 a.m.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

National Physical Education Scheme

11-00 a.m. * 301 *Q.*—SRI V. SANKARAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the National Physical Education Scheme has been adopted in the curriculum of Secondary Schools in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof and the benefits to accrue therefrom?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Five periods per week for Standards V to VIII, four for Standards IX and X and three for Standard XI within the School hours are devoted to the following activities :—

(1) Exercise Tables.

(2) Drill and Marching.

(3) Lezium.

(4) Gymnastics/Folk Dances.

(5) Major Games; Minor Games and Relays.

(6) Track and Field Events; National Physical Efficiency Drive Tests and Hiking.

(7) Combatives.

(8) National ideals and Good Citizenship; Practical Projects and Community Singing.

The main benefit is that there is one uniform and integrated programme of Physical Education throughout the country.